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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SENEGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, as the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, on the situation in Angola.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement by H.E. Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, on the situation in Angola

Over the past few days the situation in Angola has seriously deteriorated, which greatly concerns and deeply perturbs the Organization of African Unity (OAU). Contrary to our expectations, neither the numerous initiatives taken by OAU to bring the conflict to an end, nor the initiatives taken by the United Nations and a number of Governments, have led to the establishment of a climate of confidence to promote national reconciliation following the presidential and legislative elections that took place on 29 and 30 September 1992.

Entirely to the contrary, and to our great regret, the confrontations are intensifying and spreading throughout the country, thus sowing the seeds of a new civil war, which would be a tragedy not only for Angola and the southern subregion of Africa but also for the whole of Africa.

In view of this particularly perturbing situation, I should like, as current Chairman of OAU, to make a solemn and urgent appeal to the Angolan political leaders to put an immediate end to the hostilities and to enter into a frank and genuine dialogue based both on fulfilment of their commitments under the Bicesse Accords and on respect for the choice made by the Angolan electorate in the elections in September 1992.

OAU, which has in recent months spared no effort to help to restore peace in Angola, is more willing than ever to work to promote dialogue with a view to bringing about national reconciliation. It is willing to take appropriate action in cooperation with the United Nations and all those of good will who, around the world, are willing to contribute to the continuation of the concerted action already initiated with a view to putting an end to the violence and restoring peace and national harmony in Angola.